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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. William L. Gulley, Jr.
President
Oil Patch Fuel & Supply, Inc.
HC 70, Box 40
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Dear Mr. Gulley:

During an inspection of the Oil Patch Fuel, Inc., vessel watering point, Brownsville, Texas, on February 10, 1998, our investigators documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced vessel watering point has been classified as "Provisional."

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Backflow prevention devices are not provided for six potable water outlets.
2. End caps and keeper chains are not provided for the same potable water hydrants.
3. Potable and non-potable hydrants on the same dock are not properly identified.
4. Water hoses were attached to three outlets and were stored on the ground. The hose ends were not protected with nozzles.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your vessel watering point and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations. You should assure that all vessel watering points under your control are in compliance with the regulations.

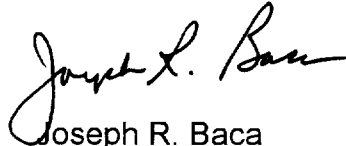
A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with a

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responsible individual at the firm. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigators at the Brownsville location inspected. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your vessel watering point may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

Joseph R. Baca
Dallas District Director

JRB:GSG